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"OUTSLICKS" A SLICK CITY SLICKER!

"I certainly do feel great today, Rinky!" exclaimed the little cowboy's father as they stepped from the train which had just brought them into the BIG CITY. But Rinky wasn't feeling GREAT! In fact, Rinky was feeling mighty low-down.

He looked at his father glumly as they walked quickly out of the train station. Daddy was beaming happily as he rubbed his hands together and said, "Today is the day I'm going to get RICH, Rinky!" Rinky merely sighed and said, "Is that good, Daddy?"

Rinky's father didn't seem to hear Rinky. Instead he glanced nervously at his wrist watch and muttered, "We'll have to hurry or the bank will be closed before we get there! I promised Mr. Van Slynk I would have the CASH for our business deal today!"

Rinky's father had planned a big surprise for Rinky's mother. He was going to sell their cattle ranch and invest all of their savings in a MINK RANCH! Of course, Rinky's mother was completely unaware of the plan.

Rinky could hardly bear the thought of leaving the CIRCLE-O-RANCH! His father tried to hurry him, but Rinky dragged out the trip to the bank just as long as he could. As they passed a store window, Rinky's mouth POPPED WIDE OPEN!

Right smack in the middle of the window was the most nifty BUILDING KIT Rinky had ever seen! He stopped and pressed his nose up against the window and stared longingly at the wonderful toy. It had steel beams and wheels and cables and EVEN A SMALL ELECTRIC MOTOR! JUST THINK OF ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT COULD BE BUILT WITH ALL THAT!

"Come on, Rinky! I've got to meet Mr. Van Slynk after I get the money from the bank!" Rinky's father said, as he tugged at Rinky's arm and hustled him toward the bank.

"Can't you let me look at that BUILDING KIT for a while, Daddy?" Rinky said. "No! I don't want to lose out on this MINK RANCH!" shouted Rinky's father.

Well, they hurried as fast as they could down the street. Up the bank steps they ran and just as they were about to enter the bank, the doors went CLANG! A stern-faced guard said, "THE BANK IS CLOSED!"

Rinky's father pleaded with the guard but he just held up a heavy hand and said gruffly, "The bank is closed! Come back tomorrow!" AND THAT WAS THAT!

Rinky looked innocently down at his shoes as his father grumbled and led him away from the bank. "HMPH! It's all your fault, Rinky! If you hadn't stopped to look at that BUILDING KIT, we would have been able to get into the bank!" Rinky's daddy barked.

Rinky said meekly, "I'm sorry, Daddy! Now you won't be able to buy the MINK RANCH, will you?" Secretly Rinky was delighted with the thought of keeping the CIRCLE-O-RANCH!

"OH, YES, I WILL BE ABLE TO BUY THE MINK RANCH!" Rinky's father said rather grimly as he practically ran across a busy street. Rinky's feet touched the pavement only occasionally, as his father kept a firm grip on Rinky's hand and took long ground-covering strides!

"Mr. Van Slynk told me to meet him right on this street corner," Rinky's daddy said triumphantly as he came to a halt at a tumbledown section of town.

Rinky looked around but couldn't see any-

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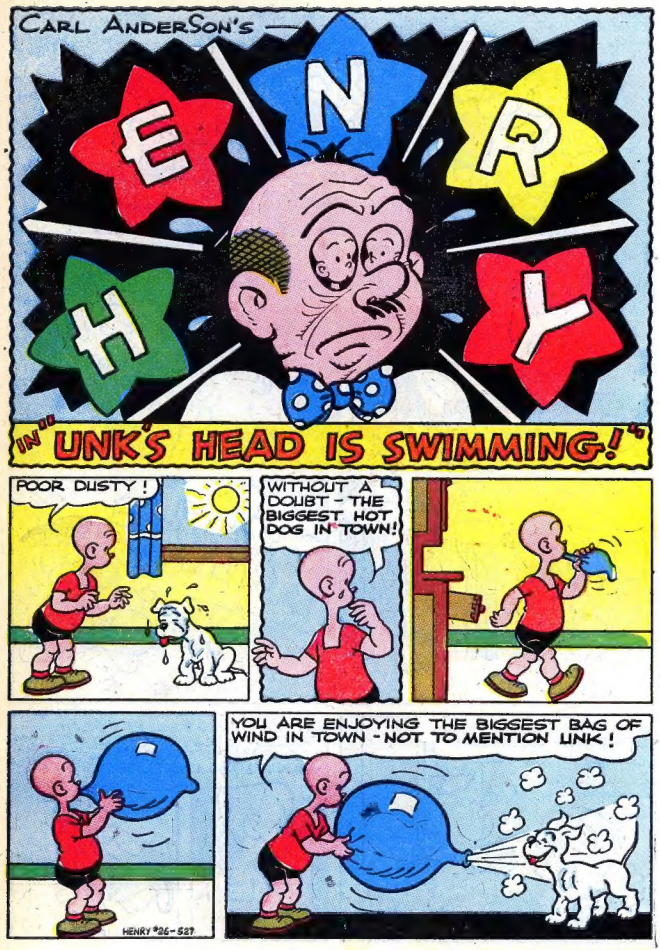
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IN "UNK'S HEAD IS SWIMMING!"
POOR DUSTY!
WITHOUT A DOUBT - THE BIGGEST HOT DOG IN TOWN!
YOU ARE ENJOYING THE BIGGEST BAG OF WIND IN TOWN - NOT TO MENTION UNK!
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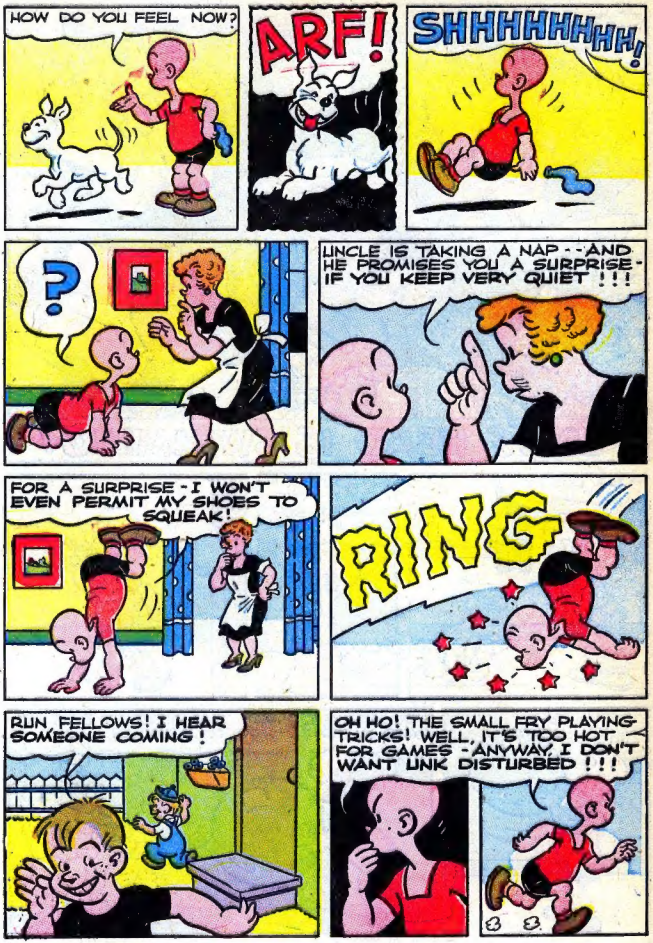
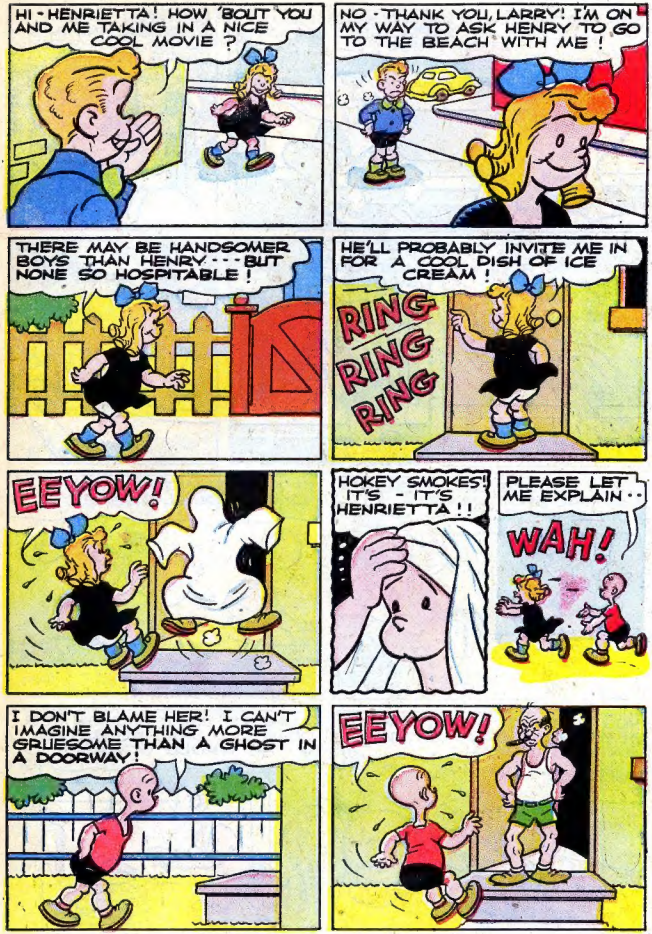
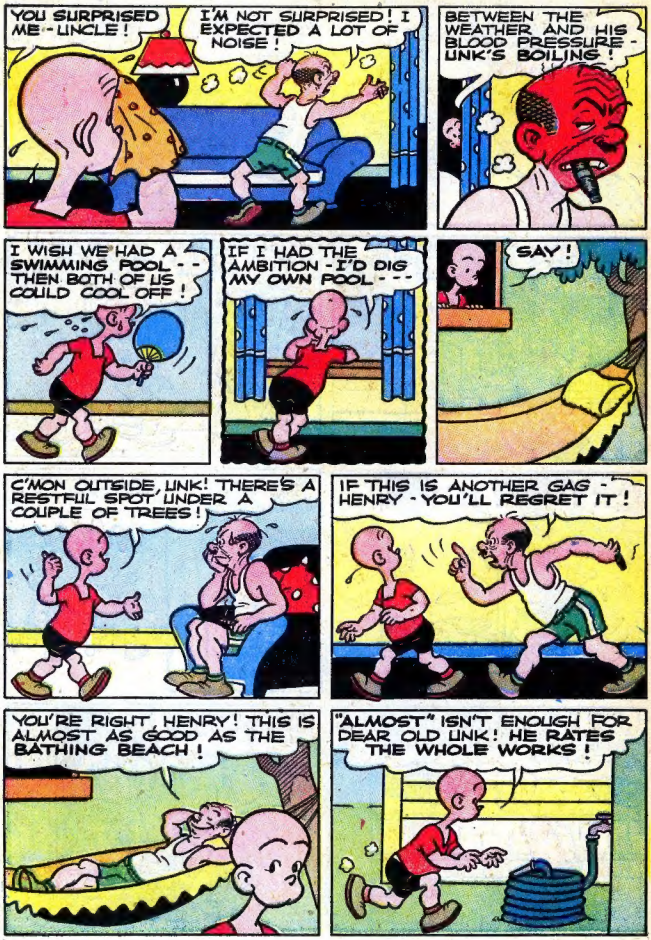
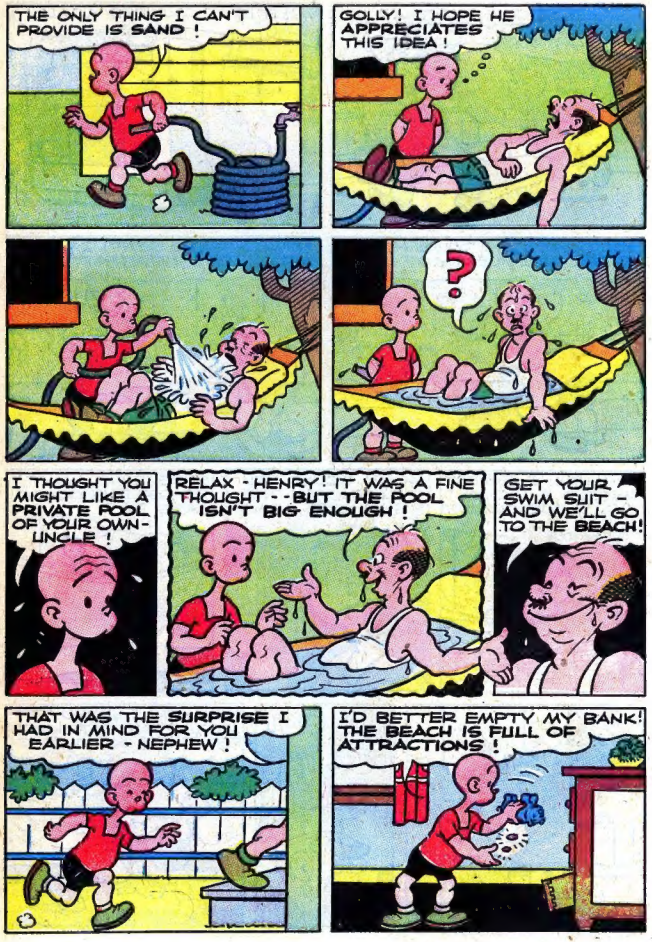
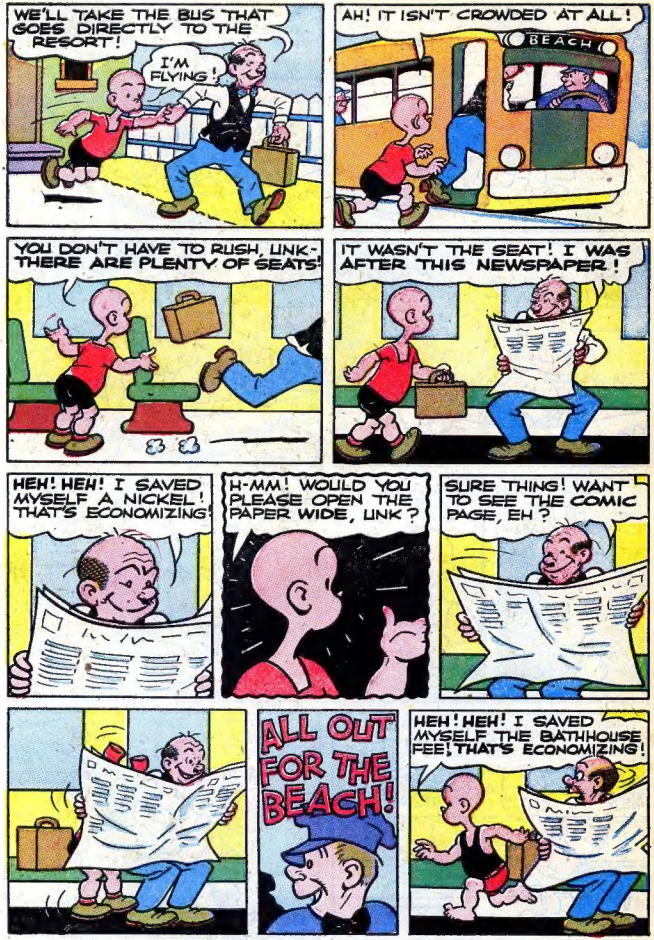
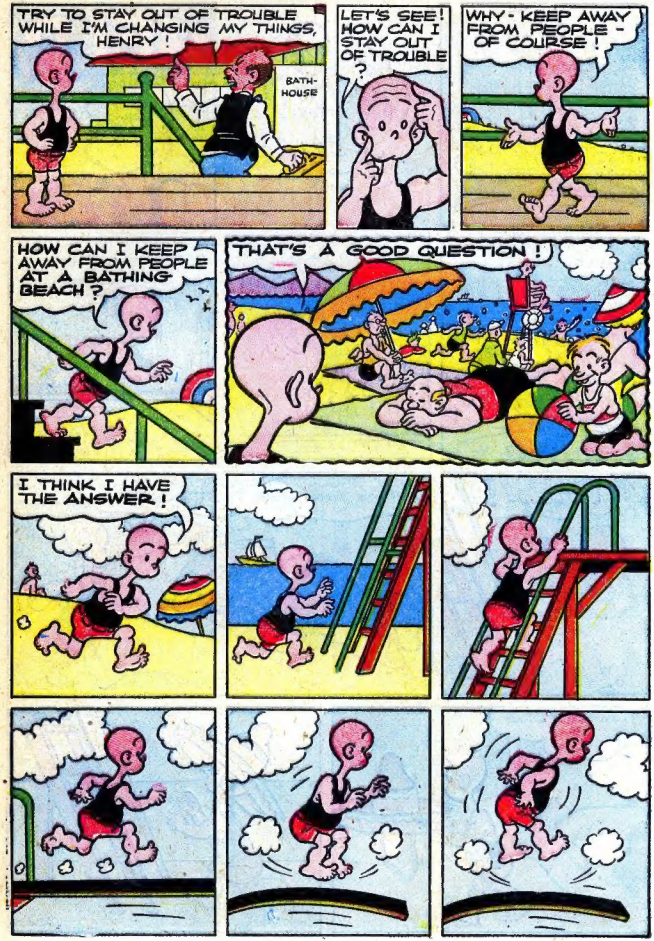

HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW?
ARF!
SHHHHHHHH!
?
UNCLE IS TAKING A NAP - - AND HE PROMISES YOU A SURPRISE - IF YOU KEEP VERY QUIET ! ! !
FOR A SURPRISE - I WON'T EVEN PERMIT MY SHOES TO SQUEAK!
RING
RUN, FELLOWS! I HEAR SOMEONE COMING!
OH HO! THE SMALL FRY PLAYING TRICKS! WELL, IT'S TOO HOT FOR GAMES - ANYWAY, I DON'T WANT UNK DISTURBED ! ! !

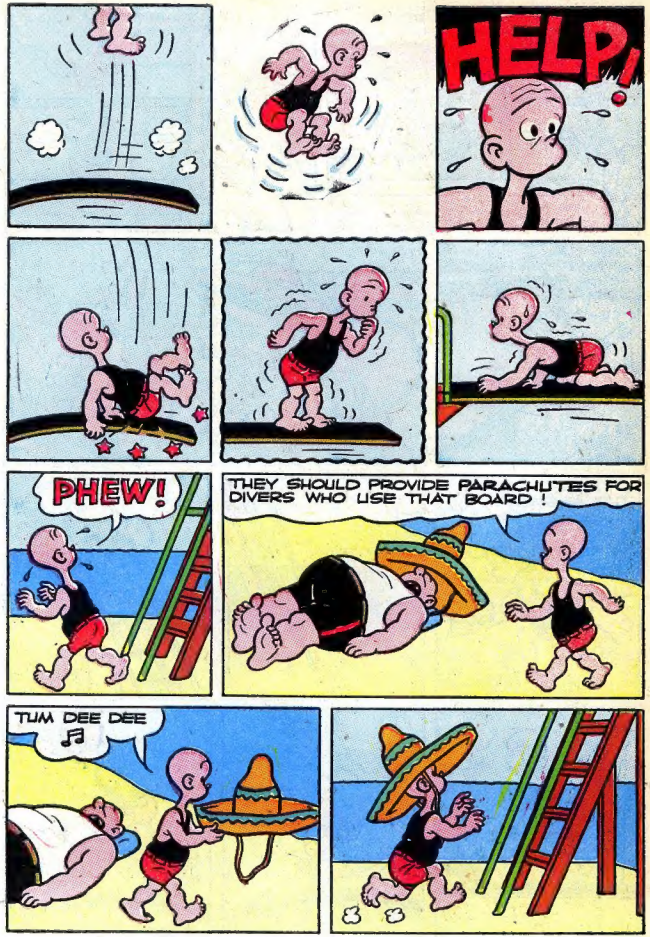

HI - HENRIETTA! HOW 'BOUT YOU AND ME TAKING IN A NICE COOL MOVIE ?
NO - THANK YOU, LARRY! I'M ON MY WAY TO ASK HENRY TO GO TO THE BEACH WITH ME !
THERE MAY BE HANDSOMER BOYS THAN HENRY - - - BUT NONE SO HOSPITABLE !
HE'LL PROBABLY INVITE ME IN FOR A COOL DISH OF ICE CREAM !
RING RING RING
EEYOW!
HOKEY SMOKES! IT'S - IT'S HENRIETTA ! !
PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN . .
WAH!
I DON'T BLAME HER! I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYTHING MORE GRUESOME THAN A GHOST IN A DOORWAY!
EEYOW!


YOU SURPRISED ME - UNCLE!
I'M NOT SURPRISED! I EXPECTED A LOT OF NOISE!
BETWEEN THE WEATHER AND HIS BLOOD PRESSURE - LINK'S BOILING!
I WISH WE HAD A SWIMMING POOL - - - THEN BOTH OF US COULD COOL OFF!
IF I HAD THE AMBITION - I'D DIG MY OWN POOL - - -
SAY!
C'MON OUTSIDE, LINK! THERE'S A RESTFUL SPOT UNDER A COUPLE OF TREES!
IF THIS IS ANOTHER GAG - HENRY - YOU'LL REGRET IT!
YOU'RE RIGHT, HENRY! THIS IS ALMOST AS GOOD AS THE BATHING BEACH!
"ALMOST" ISN'T ENOUGH FOR DEAR OLD LINK! HE RATES THE WHOLE WORKS!

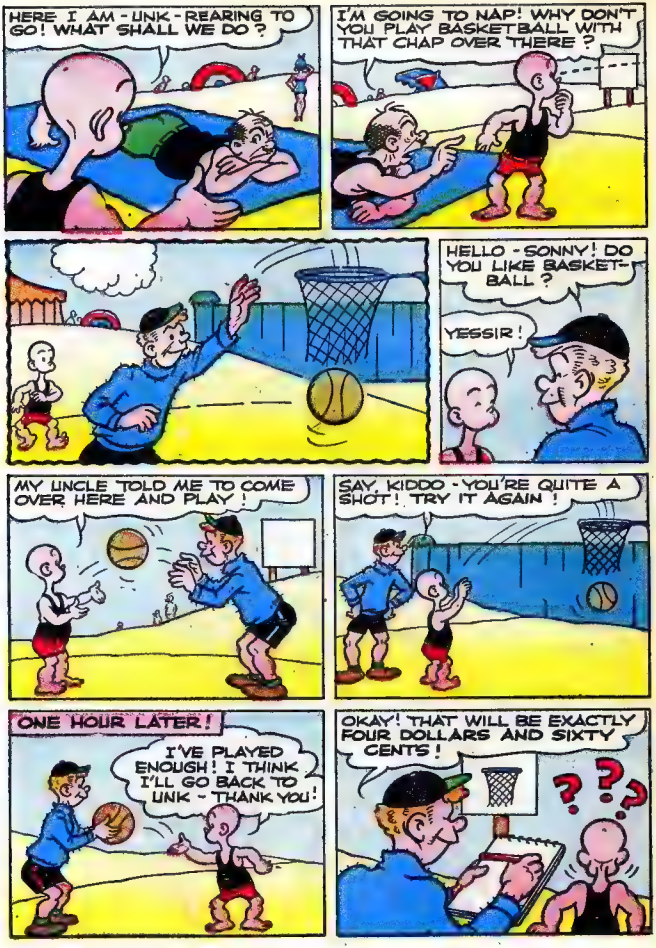

THE ONLY THING I CAN'T PROVIDE IS SAND !
GOLLY! I HOPE HE APPRECIATES THIS IDEA !
?
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE A PRIVATE POOL OF YOUR OWN - UNCLE !
RELAX - HENRY! IT WAS A FINE THOUGHT -- BUT THE POOL ISN'T BIG ENOUGH !
GET YOUR SWIM SUIT - AND WE'LL GO TO THE BEACH!
THAT WAS THE SURPRISE I HAD IN MIND FOR YOU EARLIER - NEPHEW !
I'D BETTER EMPTY MY BANK! THE BEACH IS FULL OF ATTRACTIONS !

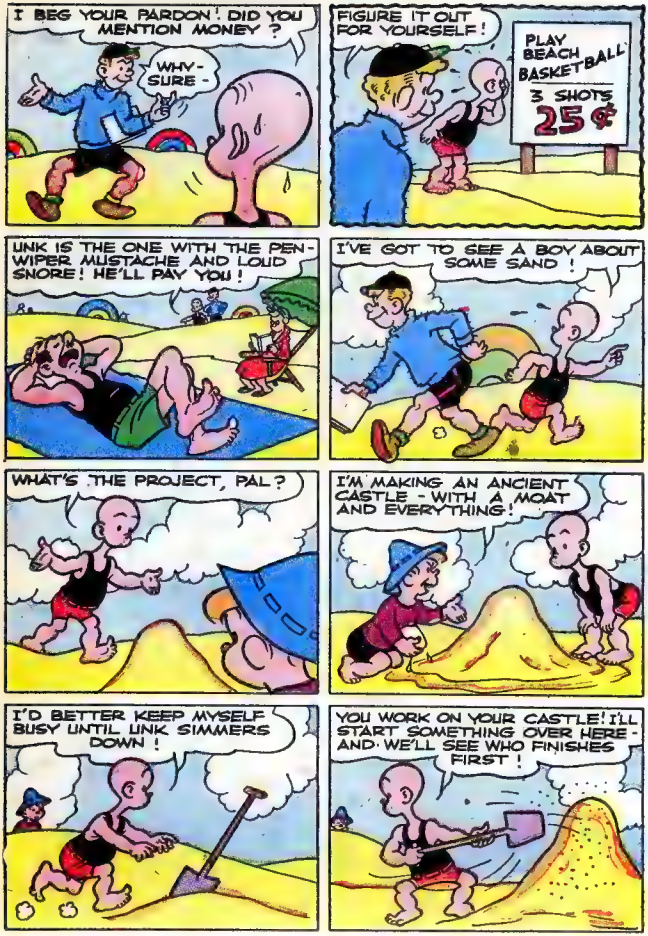

WE'LL TAKE THE BUS THAT GOES DIRECTLY TO THE RESORT!
I'M FLYING!
AH! IT ISN'T CROWDED AT ALL!
BEACH
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUSH, LINK- THERE ARE PLENTY OF SEATS!
IT WASN'T THE SEAT! I WAS AFTER THIS NEWSPAPER!
HEH! HEH! I SAVED MYSELF A NICKEL! THAT'S ECONOMIZING!
H-MM! WOULD YOU PLEASE OPEN THE PAPER WIDE, LINK?
SURE THING! WANT TO SEE THE COMIC PAGE, EH?
ALL OUT FOR THE BEACH!
HEH! HEH! I SAVED MYSELF THE BATHHOUSE FEE! THAT'S ECONOMIZING!

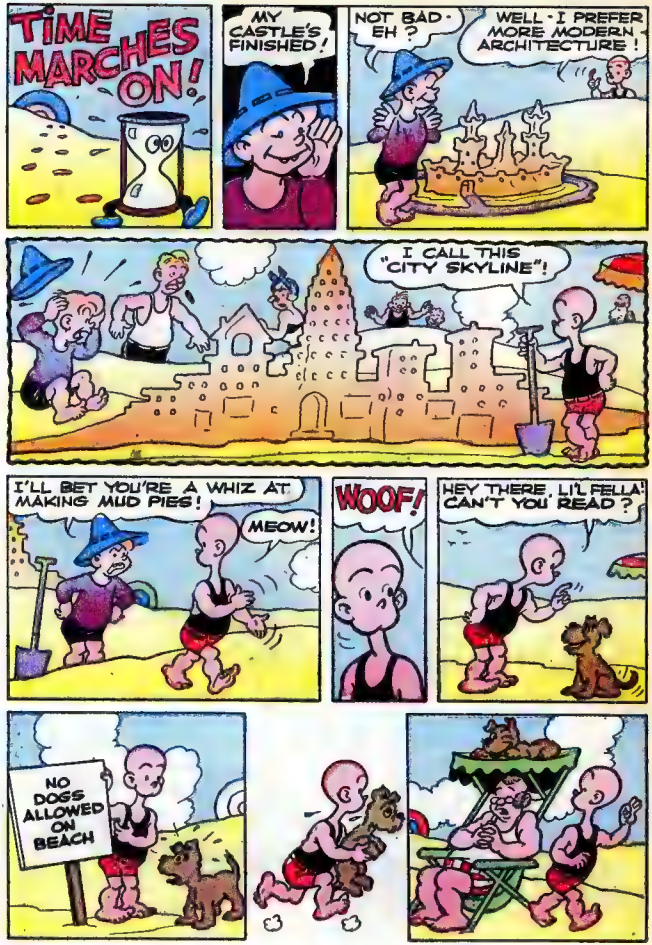

TRY TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE WHILE I'M CHANGING MY THINGS, HENRY !
BATH-HOUSE
LET'S SEE! HOW CAN I STAY OUT OF TROUBLE ?
WHY - KEEP AWAY FROM PEOPLE - OF COURSE !
HOW CAN I KEEP AWAY FROM PEOPLE AT A BATHING BEACH ?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION !
I THINK I HAVE THE ANSWER !


HELP!
PHEW!
THEY SHOULD PROVIDE PARACHUTES FOR DIVERS WHO USE THAT BOARD!
TUM DEE DEE

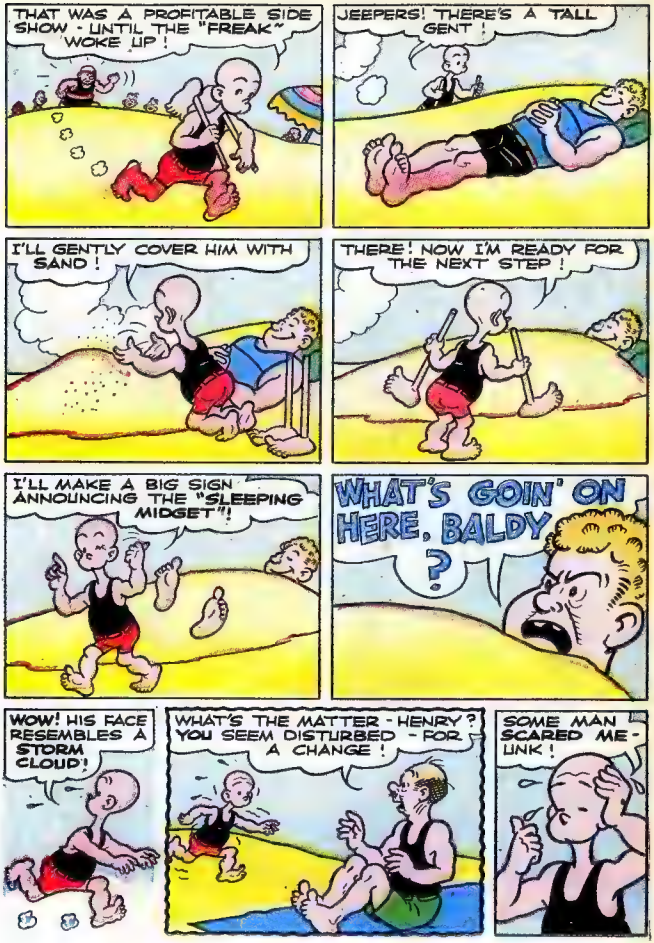
GERONIMO
I'M DRIFTING!
UNK!
I TELL YOU TO BEHAVE YOURSELF FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES - AND WHAT HAPPENS?
TELL ME - UNK!
YOU FLY AROUND THE SKY LIKE SOME CHARACTER OUT OF THE COMIC STRIPS!
NOW RETURN THAT SOMBRERO TO ITS OWNER - PRONTO!
AH! A PERFECT RINGER!

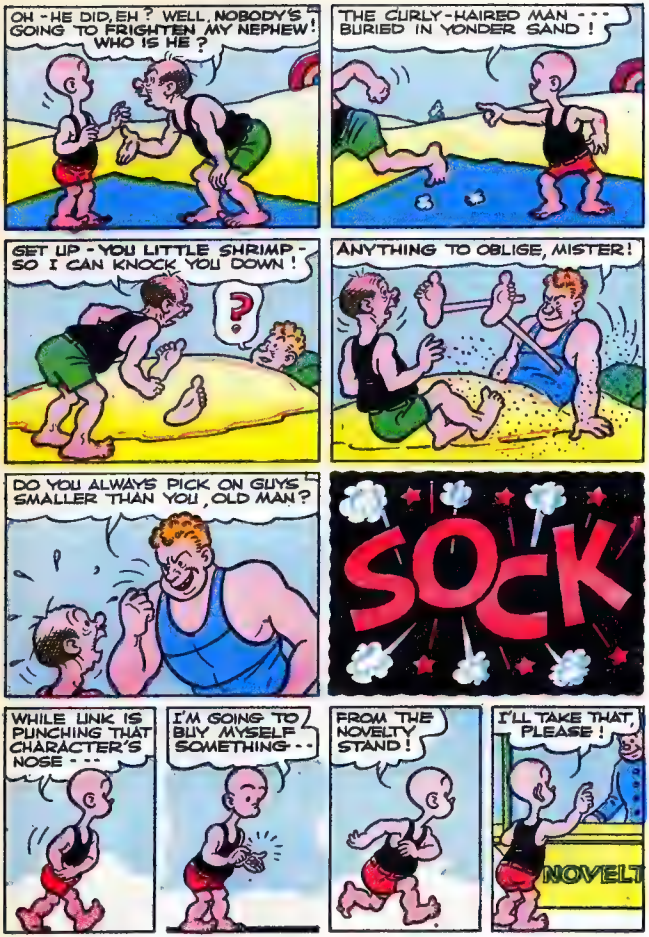

HERE I AM - UNK - REARING TO GO! WHAT SHALL WE DO ?
I'M GOING TO NAP! WHY DON'T YOU PLAY BASKETBALL WITH THAT CHAP OVER THERE ?
HELLO - SONNY! DO YOU LIKE BASKET-BALL ?
YESSIR !
MY UNCLE TOLD ME TO COME OVER HERE AND PLAY !
SAY, KIDDO - YOU'RE QUITE A SHOT ! TRY IT AGAIN !
ONE HOUR LATER!
I'VE PLAYED ENOUGH ! I THINK I'LL GO BACK TO UNK - THANK YOU!
OKAY! THAT WILL BE EXACTLY FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS !
? ? ?


I BEG YOUR PARDON! DID YOU MENTION MONEY ?
WHY- SURE -
FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!
PLAY BEACH BASKETBALL
3 SHOTS
25¢
UNK IS THE ONE WITH THE PEN-WIPER MUSTACHE AND LOUD SNORE! HE'LL PAY YOU!
I'VE GOT TO SEE A BOY ABOUT SOME SAND!
WHAT'S THE PROJECT, PAL?
I'M MAKING AN ANCIENT CASTLE - WITH A MOAT AND EVERYTHING!
I'D BETTER KEEP MYSELF BUSY UNTIL UNK SIMMERS DOWN!
YOU WORK ON YOUR CASTLE! I'LL START SOMETHING OVER HERE - AND WE'LL SEE WHO FINISHES FIRST!

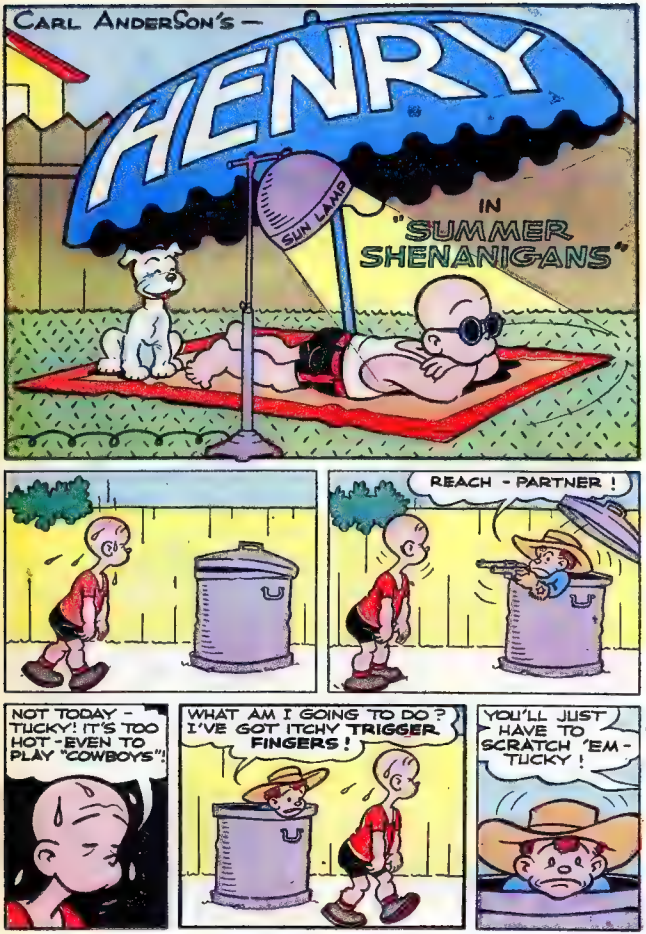

TIME MARCHES ON!
MY CASTLE'S FINISHED!
NOT BAD - EH ?
WELL - I PREFER MORE MODERN ARCHITECTURE !
I CALL THIS "CITY SKYLINE"!
I'LL BET YOU'RE A WHIZ AT MAKING MUD PIES!
MEOW!
WOOF!
HEY THERE, LI'L FELLA! CAN'T YOU READ ?
NO DOGS ALLOWED ON BEACH

THEY OUGHT TO NAME THIS PLACE "LAKE SLUMBER"-- EVERYBODY SLEEPS ---
-AND THEY MANAGE TO DO IT IN THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE POSITIONS !
WAKE UP! YOUR FEET ARE SHOWING !
I HOPE IT ISN'T LINK !
?
ONE NEVER KNOWS WHEN ONE CAN USE ANOTHER PAIR OF FEET !
NOW - THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA !
SEE THE ONLY 3 LEGGED MAN ON THE BEACH !
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

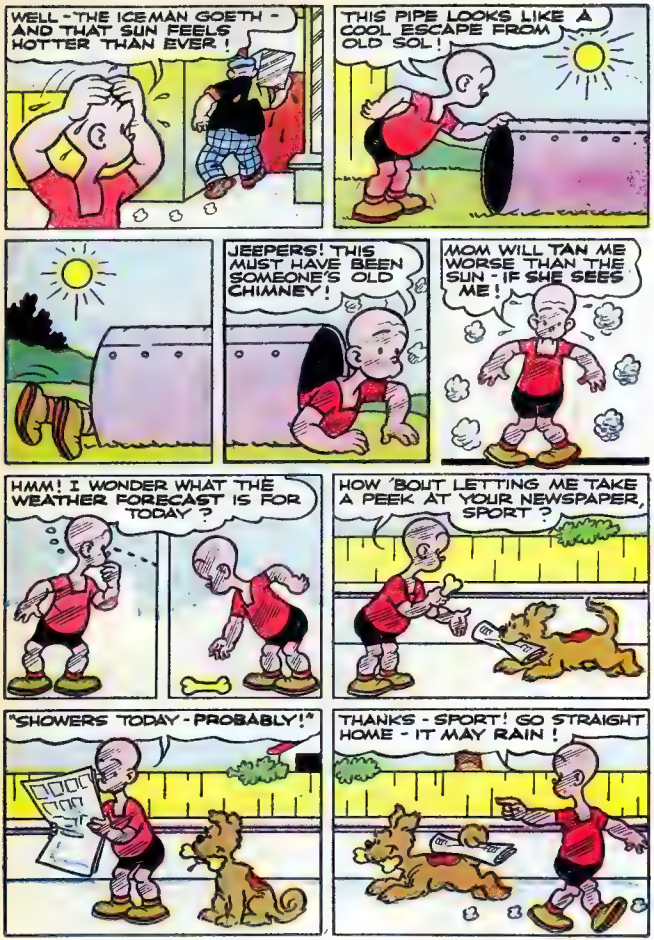

THAT WAS A PROFITABLE SIDE SHOW - UNTIL THE "FREAK" WOKE UP !
JEEPERS! THERE'S A TALL GENT !
I'LL GENTLY COVER HIM WITH SAND !
THERE! NOW I'M READY FOR THE NEXT STEP !
I'LL MAKE A BIG SIGN ANNOUNCING THE "SLEEPING MIDGET"!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE, BALDY ?
WOW! HIS FACE RESEMBLES A STORM CLOUD!
WHAT'S THE MATTER - HENRY? YOU SEEM DISTURBED - FOR A CHANGE !
SOME MAN SCARED ME - LINK !

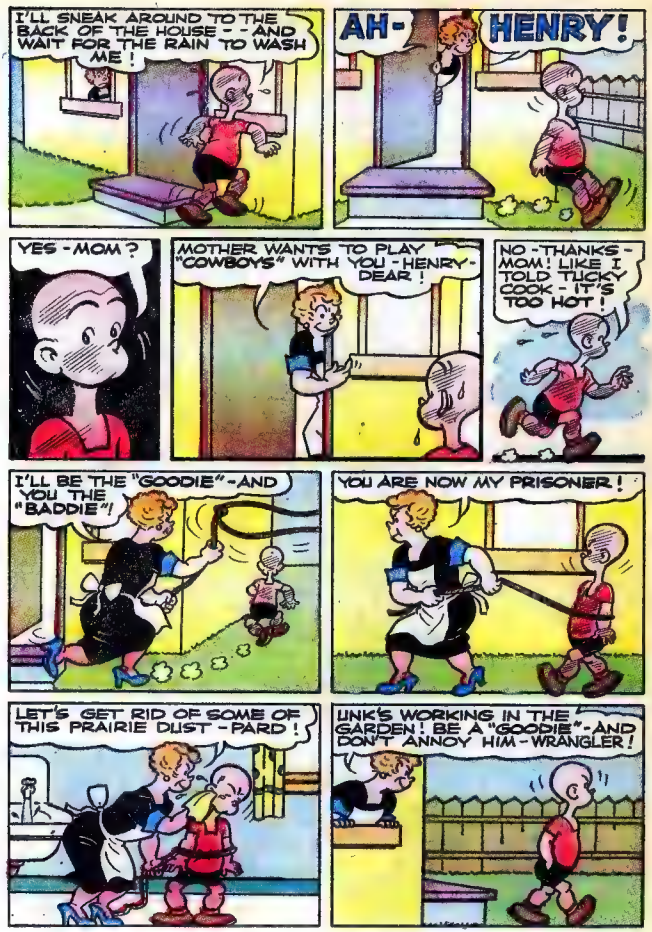

OH - HE DID, EH ? WELL, NOBODY'S GOING TO FRIGHTEN MY NEPHEW! WHO IS HE ?
THE CURLY-HAIRED MAN - - - BURIED IN YONDER SAND !
GET UP - YOU LITTLE SHRIMP - SO I CAN KNOCK YOU DOWN !
?
ANYTHING TO OBLIGE, MISTER!
DO YOU ALWAYS PICK ON GUYS SMALLER THAN YOU, OLD MAN?
SOCK
WHILE LINK IS PUNCHING THAT CHARACTER'S NOSE - - -
I'M GOING TO BUY MYSELF SOMETHING - -
FROM THE NOVELTY STAND !
I'LL TAKE THAT, PLEASE !
NOVELT

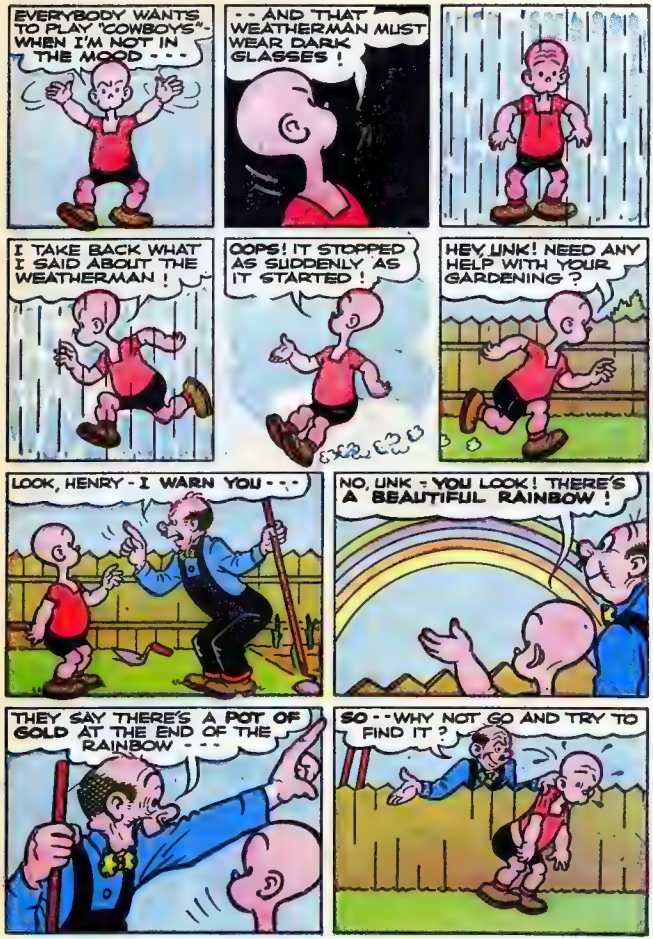
UNK - YOU'RE STRONG! WILL YOU BLOW UP THIS RUBBER SEA HORSE FOR ME?
IF I CAN SEE IT - I WILL - HENRY!
I'D HATE TO SEE THE OTHER FELLOW - UNK - NOW BLOW!
(PUFF) - I'D HATE TO SEE HIM AGAIN - (PUFF) - HENRY - (PUFF)!
UNK!
(PUFF) - I'M SO BURNED UP - (PUFF) - I WANT TO LET OFF STEAM - (PUFF - PUFF - PUFF - PUFF -)
UNK!
HOLD IT - UNK! IT'S A HORSE - NOT AN ELEPHANT!
BOOM
PUT 'EM UP - BIG BOY! SO - YOU WANT MORE - EH?
WAH! YOU BLEW YOUR TOP AND BROKE MY HORSE!
I'M SORRY, HENRY! I'LL BUY YOU ANOTHER ONE!
BUT - IT WAS THE LAST ONE THEY HAD IN STOCK!
ISN'T THIS BETTER THAN SITTING AROUND THE HOUSE - UNCLE?
BLUB!
THE END!

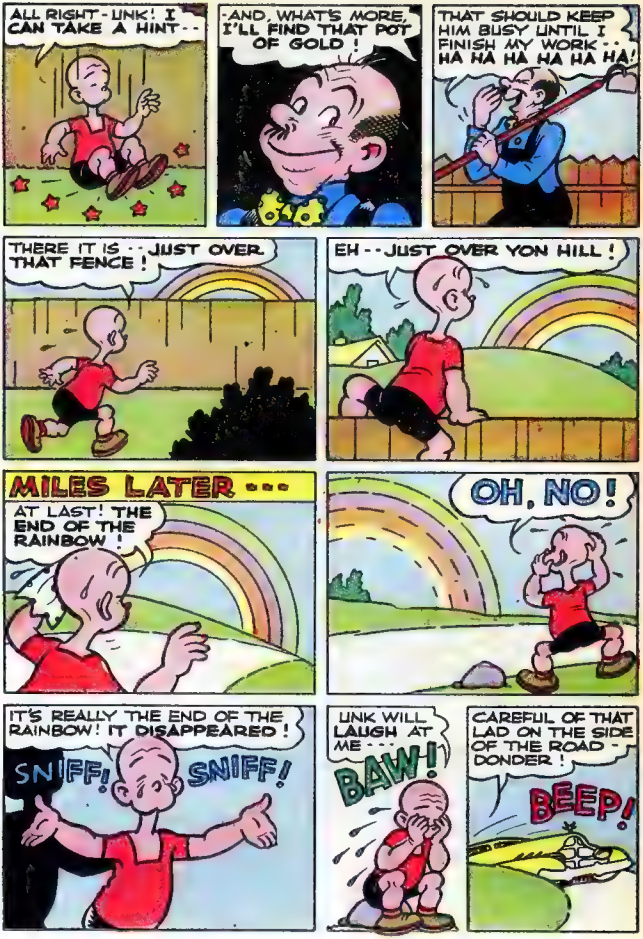

CARL ANDERSON'S —
HENRY
IN
"SUMMER SHENANIGANS"
SUN LAMP
REACH - PARTNER !
NOT TODAY - TUCKY! IT'S TOO HOT - EVEN TO PLAY "COWBOYS"!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ? I'VE GOT ITCHY TRIGGER FINGERS !
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO SCRATCH 'EM - TUCKY !

WHO FEELS LIKE CHASING AROUND WHEN THE TEMPERATURE'S IN THE NINETIES ?
SEE WHAT I MEAN ?
BLIMP! I WOULD CONSIDER IT A PLEASURE TO SMELL YOUR FLOWER!
YOU WOULD ?
TAKE A GOOD SNIFF - HENRY - OLD FRIEND!
HAW HAW HAW!
MUCH OBLIGED - BLIMP! I APPRECIATE THE SHOWER!
?
FILL IT UP WITH ICE WATER - NEXT TIME!
SPEAKING OF ICE WATER - -
AH!


WELL - THE ICEMAN GOETH - AND THAT SUN FEELS HOTTER THAN EVER !
THIS PIPE LOOKS LIKE A COOL ESCAPE FROM OLD SOL !
JEEPERS ! THIS MUST HAVE BEEN SOMEONE'S OLD CHIMNEY !
MOM WILL TAN ME WORSE THAN THE SUN - IF SHE SEES ME !
HMM ! I WONDER WHAT THE WEATHER FORECAST IS FOR TODAY ?
HOW 'BOUT LETTING ME TAKE A PEEK AT YOUR NEWSPAPER, SPORT ?
"SHOWERS TODAY - PROBABLY !"
THANKS - SPORT ! GO STRAIGHT HOME - IT MAY RAIN !

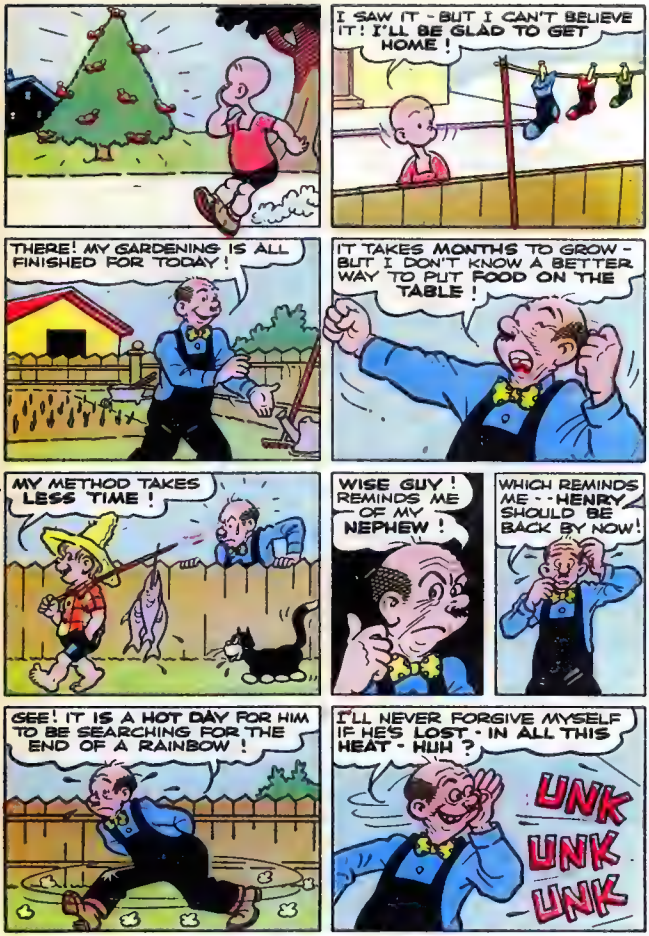

I'LL SNEAK AROUND TO THE BACK OF THE HOUSE - - AND WAIT FOR THE RAIN TO WASH ME !
AH-
HENRY !
YES - MOM ?
MOTHER WANTS TO PLAY "COWBOYS" WITH YOU - HENRY - DEAR !
NO - THANKS - MOM ! LIKE I TOLD TUCKY COOK - IT'S TOO HOT !
I'LL BE THE "GOODIE" - AND YOU THE "BADDIE" !
YOU ARE NOW MY PRISONER !
LET'S GET RID OF SOME OF THIS PRAIRIE DUST - PARD !
LINK'S WORKING IN THE GARDEN ! BE A "GOODIE" - AND DON'T ANNOY HIM - WRANGLER !

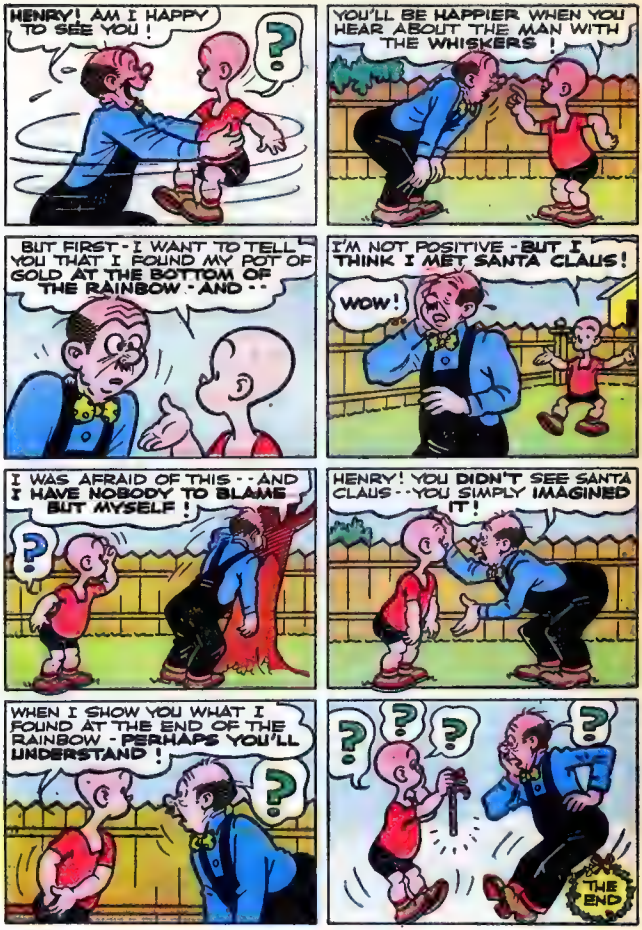

EVERYBODY WANTS TO PLAY "COWBOYS" - WHEN I'M NOT IN THE MOOD - - -
- - AND THAT WEATHERMAN MUST WEAR DARK GLASSES !
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID ABOUT THE WEATHERMAN !
OOPS! IT STOPPED AS SUDDENLY AS IT STARTED !
HEY JUNK! NEED ANY HELP WITH YOUR GARDENING ?
LOOK, HENRY - I WARN YOU - - -
NO, JUNK - YOU LOOK ! THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW !
THEY SAY THERE'S A POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW - - -
SO - - WHY NOT GO AND TRY TO FIND IT ?


ALL RIGHT - UNK! I CAN TAKE A HINT - -
- AND, WHAT'S MORE, I'LL FIND THAT POT OF GOLD !
THAT SHOULD KEEP HIM BUSY UNTIL I FINISH MY WORK - - HA HA HA HA HA HA!
THERE IT IS - - JUST OVER THAT FENCE !
EH - - JUST OVER YON HILL !
MILES LATER • • •
AT LAST! THE END OF THE RAINBOW !
OH, NO!
IT'S REALLY THE END OF THE RAINBOW! IT DISAPPEARED !
SNIFF!
SNIFF!
UNK WILL LAUGH AT ME - - -
BAW!
CAREFUL OF THAT LAD ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD - DONDER !
BEEP!

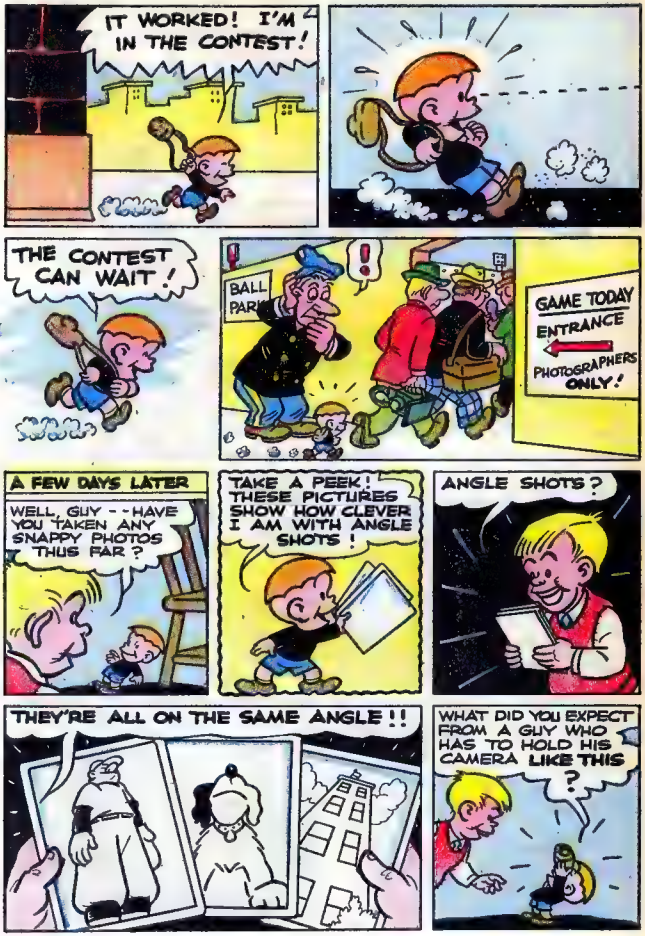
STOP THE CAR - DONDER! STOP THE CAR - I SAY !
BAW!
WHY ALL THE TEARS - HENRY ? (CHUCKLE)
I'VE DISCOVERED THERE'S NO FORTUNE AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW - SIR !
YOU MEAN THAT JOLLY GROUP OF COLORS THAT WAS RIGHT OVER THERE ?
LOOK SHARP, HENRY! YOU'LL FIND A HAPPY SURPRISE - I'M SURE! NOW - I HAVE TO GO - - I'M ON MY WAY TO THE NORTH POLE !
WOW! YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR! SEE ?
HE'S GONE !
JINGLE BELLS
JINGLE BELLS

COME TO THINK OF IT - HOW DID HE KNOW MY NAME ?
HE CERTAINLY WAS A CHEERFUL OLD GENTLEMAN !
I FEEL THAT I KNOW HIM FROM SOMEWHERE !
DID YOU NOTICE HIS TWINKLING EYES AND MERRY DIMPLES ?
OH, NO ! IT COULDN'T BE HE !
STILL - HE DID SHAKE LIKE A BOWLFUL OF JELLY - - -
BUT, NO ! IT ISN'T POSSIBLE - - -
HOWEVER - HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE NORTH POLE - - -
AND - HE PROVED THE LEGEND OF THE RAINBOW !
ALL I'D HAVE TO SEE TO CONVINCE ME NOW - WOULD BE -


I SAW IT - BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I'LL BE GLAD TO GET HOME!
THERE! MY GARDENING IS ALL FINISHED FOR TODAY!
IT TAKES MONTHS TO GROW - BUT I DON'T KNOW A BETTER WAY TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE!
MY METHOD TAKES LESS TIME!
WISE GUY! REMINDS ME OF MY NEPHEW!
WHICH REMINDS ME - - HENRY SHOULD BE BACK BY NOW!
SEE! IT IS A HOT DAY FOR HIM TO BE SEARCHING FOR THE END OF A RAINBOW!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF HE'S LOST - IN ALL THIS HEAT - HUH?
UNK
UNK
UNK

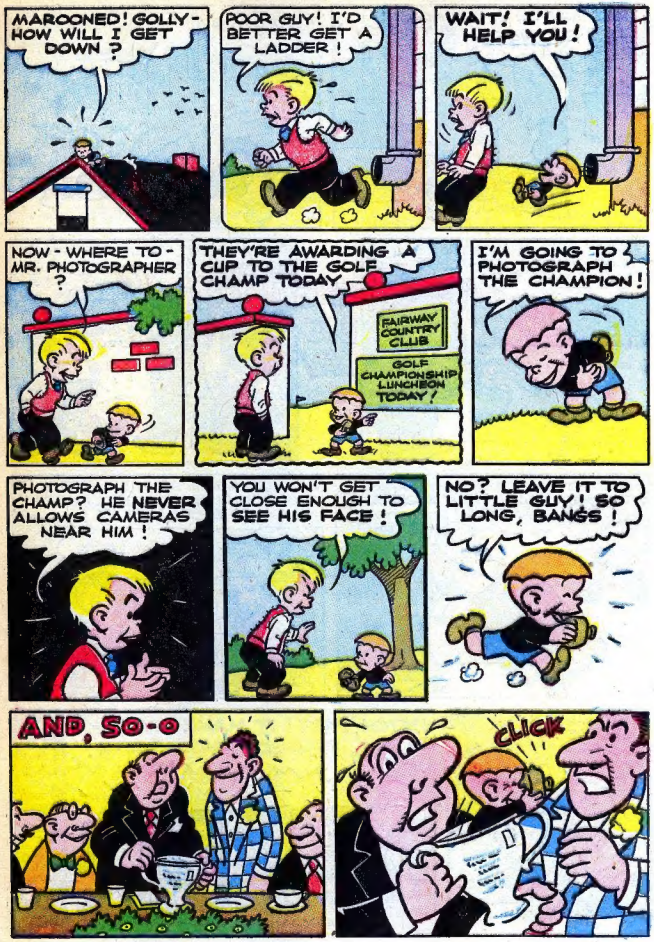

HENRY! AM I HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
?
YOU'LL BE HAPPIER WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MAN WITH THE WHISKERS!
BUT FIRST - I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I FOUND MY POT OF GOLD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAINBOW - AND - -
I'M NOT POSITIVE - BUT I THINK I MET SANTA CLAUS!
WOW!
I WAS AFRAID OF THIS - - AND I HAVE NOBODY TO BLAME BUT MYSELF!
?
HENRY! YOU DIDN'T SEE SANTA CLAUS - - YOU SIMPLY IMAGINED IT!
WHEN I SHOW YOU WHAT I FOUND AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW - PERHAPS YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!
?
?
?
?
?
THE END

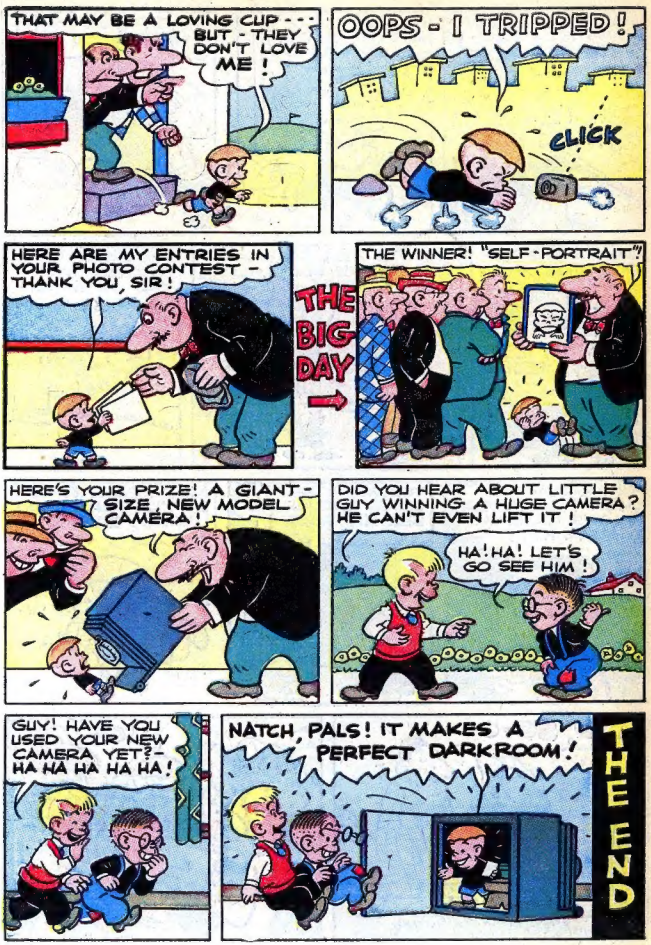
LITTLE GUY
" IN NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS "
PHOTO CONTEST
BIG PRIZE FOR MOST UNUSUAL PICTURE
CAMERA SHOP
MAY I BORROW A CAMERA TO ENTER YOUR CONTEST - PLEASE, SIR ?
I'M AFRAID YOU ARE TOO SMALL TO CARRY A CAMERA !
OH, YEAH?
NOW - AM I BIG ENOUGH ?
PHOTO ENLARGER


IT WORKED! I'M IN THE CONTEST!
THE CONTEST CAN WAIT!
BALL PARK
!
GAME TODAY
ENTRANCE
PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY!
A FEW DAYS LATER
WELL, GUY - - HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY SNAPPY PHOTOS THUS FAR?
TAKE A PEEK! THESE PICTURES SHOW HOW CLEVER I AM WITH ANGLE SHOTS!
ANGLE SHOTS?
THEY'RE ALL ON THE SAME ANGLE!!
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT FROM A GUY WHO HAS TO HOLD HIS CAMERA LIKE THIS?

YOU OUGHT TO TAKE SOME AERIAL PHOTOS!
AERIAL PHOTOS?
THAT'S A SUPER-DUPER IDEA!
COME ON, BANGS! YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME!
LITTLE GUY! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO GO UP IN AN AIRPLANE?
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT AN AIRPLANE?
WAIT THERE, BANGS!
?
OKAY! LET'S GO INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER!
CLICK

THIS IS GREAT! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE BEING SMALL!
OH-OH! WHAT'S THIS - A STORM CLOUD?
GEE! I MUST HAVE REACHED A TERRIFIC ALTITUDE!
!
HURRAY! IT CLEARED UP!
I WONDER IF I COULD GET A PICTURE OF THAT BIRD?
I'LL WHISTLE TO BRING HIM NEAR!
HEY! YOU'RE TOO HEAVY!
BONK!


MAROONED! GOLLY - HOW WILL I GET DOWN ?
POOR GUY! I'D BETTER GET A LADDER !
WAIT! I'LL HELP YOU!
NOW - WHERE TO - MR. PHOTOGRAPHER ?
THEY'RE AWARDING A CUP TO THE GOLF CHAMP TODAY
FAIRWAY COUNTRY CLUB
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP LUNCHEON TODAY!
I'M GOING TO PHOTOGRAPH THE CHAMPION!
PHOTOGRAPH THE CHAMP? HE NEVER ALLOWS CAMERAS NEAR HIM !
YOU WON'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO SEE HIS FACE !
NO? LEAVE IT TO LITTLE GUY! SO LONG, BANGS !
AND, SO-O
CLICK


THAT MAY BE A LOVING CUP - - - BUT - THEY DON'T LOVE ME !
OOPS - I TRIPPED !
CLICK
HERE ARE MY ENTRIES IN YOUR PHOTO CONTEST - THANK YOU, SIR !
THE BIG DAY
THE WINNER! "SELF-PORTRAIT"!
HERE'S YOUR PRIZE! A GIANT-SIZE, NEW MODEL CAMERA!
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT LITTLE GUY WINNING A HUGE CAMERA? HE CAN'T EVEN LIFT IT !
HA! HA! LET'S GO SEE HIM !
GUY! HAVE YOU USED YOUR NEW CAMERA YET? - HA HA HA HA HA!
NATCH, PALS! IT MAKES A PERFECT DARKROOM!
THE END

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one who might be Mr. Van Slynk, the big businessman from the EAST. Suddenly Rinky heard a man say, "Ah, ha, there! Do you have the CASH for the MINK RANCH?"

Rinky took one quick look and decided he didn't like this man at all. It was Mr. Van Slynk, and where he had come from Rinky couldn't imagine. He seemed to have appeared from nowhere.

Rinky's father fumbled around a bit and explained how he had been late getting to the bank. "I'll have the cash for the MINK RANCH the first thing in the morning, Mr. Van Slynk!" Rinky's father said pleadingly.

"HMMMM . . ." said Mr. Van Slynk as he squinted at Rinky's worried father. "Tell you what I'm going to do, my friend. For only one additional thousand dollars I'll wait until tomorrow! Otherwise I'll be forced to sell the MINK RANCH TO SOMEONE ELSE! That's my final offer!" said Mr. Van Slynk.

Rinky's father glared at Rinky and said, "Looking at that BUILDING KIT has just cost me a thousand dollars!" Turning to the grinning Mr. Van Slynk he said, "All right! I'll meet you here tomorrow with the cash . . . and the EXTRA THOUSAND DOLLARS!"

Rinky went to bed VERY QUICKLY that night. Bright and early the next morning, Rinky's daddy took him to the bank and withdrew the money he was going to use to buy the MINK RANCH. They hurried to the corner where they were supposed to meet Mr. Van Slynk.

They waited and WAITED! Mr. Van Slynk just didn't seem to be going to show up. Then Rinky got a SUDDEN SHOCK! As he looked at the MORNING JOURNAL which was on a newspaper stand, Rinky was amazed to see a large photograph of Mr. Van Slynk . . . RIGHT ON THE FRONT PAGE! WELL! Of course, Rinky hastened to tell his daddy.

Rinky's father bought a paper and his face turned WHITE . . . THEN RED . . . THEN WHITE AND RED! Naturally, Rinky couldn't read because he had not started to go to school yet. He asked his father why Mr. Van Slynk's picture was on the front page of the newspaper.

Rinky's daddy started to smile but it didn't quite come out right. Then he began to speak and all that came out was something like . . . URGHHHHH! Rinky had NEVER seen his father act like this! Maybe it was too much

excitement, Rinky thought. "Gee, Daddy, you sure do know famous people!" Rinky said proudly. "Wait until we get home! I'm going to tell mother all about your friend, Mr. Van Slynk!"

"ER . . . AH . . . look, Rinky! How would you like me to buy you the biggest BUILDING KIT in that store? Now all you have to do is forget all about Mr. Van Slynk!" Rinky's daddy said earnestly.

"Sure thing, Daddy!" Rinky said excitedly. "But I'm really surprised that you know such famous people as Mr. Van Slynk, the big businessman from the EAST! When are you going to buy the MINK RANCH, Daddy?"

Rinky's daddy started turning colors again as he stammered, "I . . . I'm not going to buy it! Don't ever mention MINK RANCH to me again!" THAT SUITED RINKY PERFECTLY!

Rinky and his father got the next train back to the CIRCLE-O-RANCH. Of course they stopped long enough to buy Rinky a huge BUILDING KIT! That night, Rinky was playing on the ranch house floor with his new BUILDING KIT. Rinky's father was sitting in his favorite chair. He seemed to be lost in thought.

Rinky's mother walked into the room with a frown on her face. She was looking at the evening paper which had just arrived. She said to Rinky's father, "Did you see where this swindler had been cheating people in the BIG CITY? He said he was a big businessman from the EAST! Actually, he was a crook named MR. VAN SLYNK!"

Rinky looked up and was about to say something when his father said loudly, "AA . . . HEMMM! WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE GENTLEMAN, HAVE WE, RINKY?"

Rinky looked carefully at his beautiful new BUILDING KIT and said thoughtfully, "Come to think of it, Daddy, I DON'T RECKON I DO RECALL THE HOMBRE!" EVERYONE knows there is so much to do with a new BUILDING KIT, that a fellow is apt to forget most ANYTHING!

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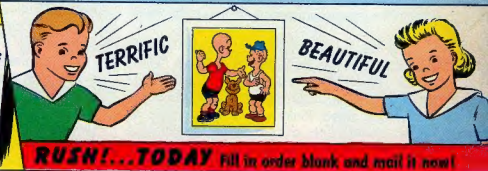

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